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#### **Answer:**

The clinic is only for people who have ***already filed*** a bankruptcy case. However, if you are contemplating filing a bankruptcy case, and cannot afford the service of an attorney, please contact the following numbers to see what other services may be available:

#### **Oakland:**

There are two resources available to people who are thinking about filing for bankruptcy. They are:

CBA Lawyers in the Library  
Oakland Main Library  
125 14th Street  
Oakland, CA  
510.238.3134

Services are available on the ***first Wednesday*** of each month, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This session focuses on bankruptcy issues only. Clients may call the library to confirm date and time.

ACBA/VLSC Bankruptcy Clinic  
510.302.2222, option 4

Clients must call VLSC intake to make an appointment. This clinic is for clients who have not filed for bankruptcy and is educational/informational only. Volunteer attorneys do not assist with filing for bankruptcy. These clinics are held on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

**San Francisco:**

(415) 989-1616 (Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

**San Jose:**

There are two clinics, which are not sponsored by BPBP, available which provide pre-bankruptcy advice and limited help to debtors. Information for these clinics is as follows:

Debtors' Rights Clinics  
First and third Tuesday of the month  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Pro Bono Project  
480 North First Street  
San Jose, CA

***(To schedule an appointment, please call 408.998.5298)***

Debtors' Advice Clinics  
Nine Mondays in the fall and spring semesters of Santa Clara University, Law School  
The Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center  
1030 The Alameda  
San Jose, CA 95126

***(For more information, please contact 408.288.7030)***

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